

Boone County Conservation Board regular meeting  
Monday, February 10, 2020  
Boone County Courthouse, Boone, Iowa

Members present: Jennifer Schieltz, Molly Ketchum, Al Treloar, Greg Stotts  
Employees present: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann, Operations Manager Eric Fisher

Chair Treloar called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Motion to approve the agenda by Ketchum, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Stotts, Passed.

Motion to approve minutes of the January 13, 2020 meeting by Stotts, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Ketchum. Passed.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann reviewed financial information and bills for the month. Stotts moved and Ketchum seconded a motion to approve monthly bills totaling \$11,830.17, REAP expenses totaling \$2,260.00, and Conservation Trust expenses totaling \$5,000.00. Passed.

Old business:

Alliant Energy staging area: Troy Foreman from Alliant was in attendance and addressed the group. They have two projects happening this year in Madrid. Equipment for the first project is already on site and will be gone by April or May. The conservation board is concerned that some of that equipment is too close to the trail and may be impeding the equestrian trail next to the concrete bike path. Alliant agreed to move that equipment back at least 10 feet from the trail once the snow melts. Discussion was had over whether we could approve a temporary easement agreement for staging of the second round of equipment. The board will ask County Attorney Dan Kolacia to review the temporary easement agreement example, and asked Alliant to not bring any new equipment to the site until this has been resolved.

Clover Woods update: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann sent a letter on behalf of the board to the DNR and INHF outlining our thoughts and concerns (discussed at the January meeting), but he has not heard anything back yet.

New Business:

Operations Manager Eric Fisher presented his biannual report on maintenance activities, repairs, projects, etc. The board also discussed upcoming projects, including construction of a restroom facility at Grants Woods and a desire for another (and larger) cabin at Don Williams.

Ex. Dir. Scheuermann discussed the Natural Resources & Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund, which Gov. Reynolds has said is priority to finally fund this year by the Iowa legislature. He reviewed a summary report about the proposed bills associated with the Invest in Iowa Act, which were introduced in both chambers this year. Dir. Scheuermann will keep the board updated on progress and possible visits to the Capital to advocate for this funding.

Seasonal/ Concessionaire postings discussion: Ex. Dir. Scheuermann asked County Attorney Dan Kolacia to review proposed changes to concessionaire agreements. Hours of operation for

the clubhouse are now set as 7am to 9pm (changed from "sunup to sundown"). No rainchecks are to be issued without written permission from the director. Both concessionaire positions – clubhouse and bait shop - have been posted and close this Wednesday. Seasonal positions have also been posted and those will be open until May 1.

Open Discussion: The Mike Sawyer Memorial Ice Fishing Derby was held this past Saturday. There were 25 youth participants and 50+ family members and guests in attendance.

On Feb 6, Ex. Dir. Scheuermann spoke to the Ogden Lions Club and updated them on our activities over the past year.

On Feb 5 in Webster City there was a Boone Forks Regional Planning meeting. They identified several joint projects, including a tri-county regional river cleanup.

On Jan 15, Ex. Dir. Scheuermann met with the Rotary Club and updated them on our projects.

Upcoming events:

March 5: Moonlight snowshoe hike at Don Williams, 6:30-8:30pm

March 15: 1-3pm snowshoe hike at the Arboretum

Two candidates for county supervisor – Jim Uthe and Erich Kretzinger – introduced themselves to the group.

Ketchum moved and Stotts seconded a motion to adjourn at 7:11 pm. Passed.



Alvin A. Treloar, Chair



Jennifer Schieltz, Secretary